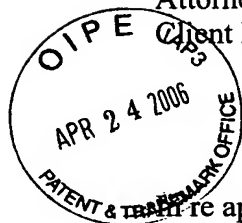


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LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-5. This election is made with traverse.

Claim 1 recites a vibration isolation system for at least partially damping and isolating vibrations of a body, the system comprising: a plurality of active isolator devices mechanically coupled to the body; and a control system configured to control the active isolator devices, wherein the control system is configured to: decouple vibrations in modal directions; determine a modal compensation signal for each modal direction; recouple each modal compensation signal into an active isolator control signal for each active isolator device; and stabilize at least one unstable natural mode of the body. Claim 1 thus clearly recites a subcombination of the form Bsp.

Claim 6 recites a lithographic apparatus comprising, *inter alia*, a plurality of active isolator devices which are controllable by a control system, the control system being configured to: decouple vibrations in modal directions; determine a modal compensation signal for each modal direction; recouple each modal compensation signal into an active isolator control signal for each active isolator device; and stabilize at least one unstable natural mode of the body. Claim 6 thus clearly recites a combination of the form ABsp.